



SIG Regional Conference

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Leading Successful School Turnarounds:
Learning from Research and Practice

Dates: Tuesday, May 24 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm) and
Wednesday, May 25 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)

Location: Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center,
Denver, Colorado

Registration Fee: \$150

Alaska Comprehensive Center
Mid-Continent Comprehensive Center
Midwest Equity Assistance Center
Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center
North Central Comprehensive Center
Northwest Comprehensive Center
Texas Comprehensive Center

You are cordially invited to participate in the Central SIG regional education conference especially for state, district, and school leaders implementing School Improvement Grants (SIGs) in Alaska, Arkansas, Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wyoming, and interested others.

Through keynote presentations, extended breakout sessions, context-alike discussions, and state-specific meetings, conference participants will have opportunities to:

- Develop deeper knowledge of evidence-based strategies for turning around low-performing schools.
- Learn from national education leaders, researchers, and practitioners who have successfully implemented district and school improvement initiatives.
- Share experiences with educators from the region who are also leading turnaround efforts.
- Participate in sessions focused on the unique needs of rural schools and schools serving Native American and Alaska Native students.

Additional partners include: Center on Innovation and Improvement, Center on Instruction, National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality, National High School Center, and Assessment and Accountability Comprehensive Center, and U.S. Department of Education.

DAY ONE

The theme for the first day of the conference is Optimizing SIG implementation with a focus on both research and application on topics including: implementation research, effective teachers and leaders, and providing flexibility and operational support to sustain change. Breakout sessions will allow for further exploration into the application of successful strategies, with a special focus on Elementary, Middle, and High Schools; Rural and Urban/Suburban Schools; and Native American and Alaska Native Schools, and English Language and Diverse Learners.

DAY TWO

The theme for the second day of the conference is Optimizing Teaching and Learning. The keynote will focus on the current research on effective teaching. A panel will discuss the responsibilities of stakeholders at all levels for implementing best practices and highlight examples of what is working in states, districts, and schools. Breakout sessions in the afternoon will focus on practical applications through six working group sessions: K-5 Literacy, Adolescent Literacy, Elementary and Secondary Mathematics, Formative Assessment, and a web-based, indicator-driven school improvement process.

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required and is limited to 200 participants. The deadline to register is May 9, 2011.

Click here to register: <http://tinyurl.com/4vnuf6n>.

HOTEL

Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center
(303) 779-1234, 7800 East Tufts
Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80237
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/McRel2011>

Special room rates: Rates of \$129 are available for conference attendees on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations should be made no later than May 9, 2011.

TRAVEL

Please make travel arrangements that allow you to stay through the end of the conference Wednesday. Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks will be provided both days of the conference.

ASSISTANCE

For assistance with registration or questions about the conference, please contact Carol Loredo at cloredo@mcrel.org or 303.632.5530.